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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL CONFERENCE ON
NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

PASS TO GUY STEVEL, SCIENCE ADVISER TO PRESIDENT; MINNICK WHITE
HOUSE

SUMMARY: MEETING HOSTED BY US IN PARIS, OCTOBER 23-26 ACHIEVED
US OBJECTIVE. ALTHOUGH OTHER 11 NATIONAL DELEGATIONS SLIGHTLY
HESITANT AT OUTSET, ATTITUDE SHIFTED QUICKLY TO POSITIVE AND
PARTICIPATION WAS VIGOROUS ON THE WHOLE.

CONFERENCE WAS CALLED TO ELICIT INTERNATIONAL COOPERATIVE
ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPMENT AND USE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CAPABI-
LITIES IN SUPPORT OF CONTROL OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS AND
DANGEROUS DRUGS. CONFERENCE IDENTIFIED 7 ILLUSTRATIVE PROBLEMS OR
AREAS THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEVELOPED COOPERATIVELY. APPEARS LIKELY THAT SEVERAL PARTICIPATING
COUNTRIES WILL FOLLOW UP ON ONE OR MORE OF THESE CANDIDATES FOR
COOPERATION.

CONFERENCE HAS THEREFORE STIMULATED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION WHICH
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WILL BENEFIT US EFFORTS TO CONTROL DRUG TRAFFIC. GREATER INTEREST,

HOPEFULLY LEADING TO GREATER ACTIVITY AND EXPENDITURE BY PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES, WAS GENERATED. ENLARGED SENSE OF COHESION AND COMMON PURPOSE WAS CREATED. END SUMMARY.

1. US HOSTED IN PARIS SUBJECT CONFERENCE ATTENDED BY AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, CANADA, DENMARK, FRANCE, GERMANY, ITALY, LUXEMBOURG, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, UNITED KINGDOM. INTERPOL AND UN DIVISION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS SENT OBSERVERS. HERMAN POLLACK, DIRECTOR, SCI IN STATE DEPT CHAIRED CONFERENCE. DR. FRED GARFIELD, DIRECTOR OF OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OF DEA, WAS VICE-CHAIRMAN. AMB IRWIN DELIVERED WELCOMING ADDRESS. AMB WILLIAM HANDLEY DELIVERED KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND PARTICIPATED EXTENSIVELY IN CONFERENCE. BASIC WORK OF CONFERENCE CARRIED ON IN 4 PANELS DEALING WITH DETECTION, INSPECTION, CRIMINAL INFORMATION COLLECTION AND SURVEILLANCE CHAIRED RESPECTIVELY BY AMERICAN, FRENCH, CANADIAN AND ITALIAN REPRESENTATIVES.

2. GENERALLY, DELEGATIONS CONTAINED BOTH ENFORCEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC REPRESENTATIVES, ALTHOUGH NOT AS MANY OF LATTER AS US HAD HOPED. HOWEVER, THIS MIXTURE PROVED TO BE THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURE OF CONFERENCE. FOR SEVERAL NATIONS IT WAS FIRST TIME THEIR OWN POLICE AND SCIENTISTS HAD MET ON COMMON GROUND. VALUE OF INTERACTION BECAME APPARENT EARLY AND ENTHUSIASM FOR ADDITIONAL INTERACTION

BECAME QUITE MARKED. FRANCE, FOR EXAMPLE, INFORMED US THEY PLANNED TO HOLD NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF FRENCH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES.

3. A KEY CONCLUSION OF CONFERENCE WAS THAT ADDITIONAL USE SHOULD BE MADE IN DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT OF RESOURCES AND THE PRODUCTS OF MODERN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THAT SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COMMUNITY SHOULD DEVOTE MORE ATTENTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT.

4. PARTICIPANTS ALSO IN AGREEMENT, FOR ALL THE CLASSIC REASONS, ON NEED FOR AND VALUE OF ADDITIONAL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.

5. CONFERENCE ADOPTED FINAL REPORT REFLECTING ABOVE POINTS AND IDENTIFYING SEVEN ILLUSTRATIVE CANDIDATE PROBLEMS OR AREAS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. THESE ARE:
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1. TRAINING AND USE OF DOGS
2. ELECTRONIC TECHNIQUES RELEVANT TO DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS
3. CHEMICAL TAGGING
4. BORDER CONTROL
5. DRUGS AND SOURCE IDENTIFICATION
6. NEW METHODS FOR CONTROL OF CLANDESTINE DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT

7. INFORMATION SYSTEMS

6. GROUND RULES FOR CONFERENCE PROVIDED FOR NO PUBLICITY PRIOR TO OR DURING CONFERENCE. SEPTTEL CONTAINS GUIDELINE STATEMENT ADAPTED BY CONFERENCE TO BE USED AFTER OCT 29 IN EVENT ANY PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENT DESIRED OR FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MAKE PUBLIC REMARKS REGARDING CONFERENCE.

7. US DELEGATION FEELS IT DESIRABLE THAT US MAKE PROMPT FOLLOW-UP ON PROMISING BEGINNINGS OF CONFERENCE BY TAKING INITIATIVE OURSELVES AND BY URGING OTHER NATIONS TO TAKE INITIATIVE ON CANDIDATES FOR COOPERATION MENTIONED ABOVE.

8. ADDITIONALLY US DELEGATION URGES THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO FOCUS US SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ON NEED OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR ADDITIONAL S&T SUPPORT. SURELY US DRUG PROBLEM IS SUFFICIENTLY SERIOUS AND PERVASIVE TO WARRANT GREATER ATTENTION FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY THAN IT NOW RECEIVES.

9. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION, HUBERT CURIEN, DIRECTOR OF FRANCE'S GENERAL DELEGATION FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH, SUGGESTED TO DIRECTOR SCI, THAT US-FRENCH SCIENTIFIC BILATERAL PROGRAM ACTIVITIES INCLUDE AN ITEM RELEVANT TO ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC CONTROL. FRENCH PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS AT REVIEW MEETING IN WASHINGTON EARLY DECEMBER. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ADDING SUCH TOPICS TO BILATERAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH GERMANY, AUSTRALIA, ITALY AND TO OTHER BILATERALS AS MAY BE DEVELOPED IN FUTURE IWH COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING IN THIS CONFERENCE.
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